

**TOWN OF LEXINGTON  
MOTIONS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2015 Annual Town Meeting**  
**(Articles 6, 10, 17, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 32, 33, 37)**  
**(March 23, 2015)**

To facilitate Town Meeting this year the Board of Selectmen, working with the Moderator and financial committees, is proposing that a number of Articles be acted upon collectively, that is by a single vote. In other towns this is generally referred to as the Town Meeting 'consent agenda.' The Articles recommended for the consent agenda are those that:

- Will be indefinitely postponed, as no Town Meeting action is being requested;
- Tend not to change from year to year;
- Are straightforward and fully explained in the FY2016 Recommended Budget and Financial Plan (Brown Book); or
- Are housekeeping in nature in that the Article requires Town Meeting action, but has no policy implications for the Town.

If a Town Meeting member opposes the inclusion of any proposed consent agenda Article that Article/Motion will be removed from the list and the remaining Motions will be put before Town Meeting for a vote.

A brief explanation of each consent agenda Article and the related Motion follows below.

**Article 6      APPROPRIATE FOR SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAM**

**MOTION:**      That the Town appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting a Senior Service Program, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager; that to meet this appropriation \$20,000 be raised in the tax levy; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to establish rules and regulations for the conduct of the program.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This Article recommends the appropriation of \$20,000 to continue to fund the Senior Service Program. This appropriation will supplement the current funds and allow for continued participation by eligible residents to earn up to \$1,330 per year for a couple or \$1,045 per year for an individual, to be applied to their property taxes.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Appropriation Committee 6-0

**Article 10      APPROPRIATE FOR RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**MOTION:**      That \$68,000 be appropriated for Pine Meadows Golf Course equipment, and that to meet this appropriation \$68,000 be appropriated from Recreation Fund Retained Earnings.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This article requests \$68,000 to purchase a Toro Grounds Mower for Pine Meadows.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Capital Expenditures Committee 5-0, Appropriation Committee 6 -0

**Article 17      TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE BORROWING  
AUTHORIZATION UNDER ARTICLE 13b OF THE 2014 ANNUAL  
TOWN MEETING**

**MOTION:**      That the borrowing authorization approved under Article 13b of the warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting (School Technology) in the amount of \$1,100,000 be changed to read \$1,110,000.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This article seeks to correct a scrivener's error in the motion as originally passed. The borrowing authorization was \$10,000 below the authorized appropriation.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Appropriation Committee 9-0, Capital Expenditures Committee 5-0

**Article 19      MARTINGALE ROAD STREET ACCEPTANCE**

**MOTION:**      To establish as a Town way and accept the layout of Martingale Road from Freemont Street, a distance of 850 feet, more or less, as laid out by the Selectmen and shown upon a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, dated October 14, 2014, and to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** Martingale Road was constructed under the Subdivision Control Law and meets or exceeds the minimum Town standard for acceptance. No appropriation is required.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Planning Board 5-0

**Article 20     RICHMOND CIRCLE STREET ACCEPTANCE**

**MOTION:** To establish as a Town way and accept the layout of Richmond Circle from Martingale Road, a distance of 170 feet, more or less, as laid out by the Selectmen and shown upon a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, dated October 14, 2014, and to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** Richmond Circle was constructed under the Subdivision Control Law and meets or exceeds the minimum Town standard for acceptance. No appropriation is required.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Planning Board 5-0

**Article 24     APPROPRIATE BONDS AND NOTES PREMIUMS**

**MOTION:** That the Town appropriate \$32,858 from the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds issued for the Bridge and Bowman School reconstruction as authorized under Article 2 of the November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting and \$116,282 from the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds issued for the Estabrook School construction as authorized under Article 2 of the April 2, 2012 Special Town Meeting, which are the subject of Proposition 2½ debt exclusions, to pay costs of the projects being financed by such bonds and to reduce the amounts authorized to be borrowed for such projects, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amounts.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This article would allow premiums received from the recent sale of bonds and notes issued to finance capital projects to be appropriated to pay for project costs. Such appropriations would be for the purpose of supplanting, not supplementing, bond financing of the project in question.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Appropriation Committee 9-0, Capital Expenditures Committee 5-0

**Article 27     APPROPRIATE TO STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOTION:** That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This Article is an annual place holder, no appropriation is recommended this year.

**Article 28      APPROPRIATE FROM DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOTION:**      That \$124,057 be appropriated from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset the FY2016 debt service of the bond dated February 1, 2003 issued for funding additions and renovations to the Lexington High School, Clarke Middle School and Diamond Middle School as refunded with bonds dated December 8, 2011.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This article will appropriate \$124,057 from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset a portion of the debt service on the 2003 School Bonds.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0, Appropriation Committee 6-0, Capital Expenditures Committee 5-0

**Article 32      ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR TAX DEFERRALS**

**MOTION:**      That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(3/23/15)

**Description:**      This Article is an annual place holder. It was determined that no further adjustment is needed to the current deferral eligibility limit.

**Article 33      AUTHORIZE HOME RULE PETITION FOR TAX RELIEF**

**MOTION:**      That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(3/23/15)

**Description:**      The Board of Selectmen believes that the State Legislature may develop legislation on this matter and prefers to wait for the outcome of that effort.

**Article 37      AMEND GENERAL BY-LAW – STREET PERFORMERS**

**MOTION:**      That Section 76-3 of Chapter 76 of the Code of the Town of Lexington (Street Musicians) be amended as set forth in the Article, and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of the Town of Lexington.

(3/23/15)

**Description:** This article would provide for the Town Manager rather than the Board of Selectmen to issue permits to street performers.

**Position:** Board of Selectmen 5-0